



## Tempe Art in Private Development



### Warner Crossing

Building F  
8312 S. Hardy Drive

### Susan Furini

*Artist-designed Entryway, 1998*

Ceramic tile, glass, Dryvit

Photo: Kiyomi Kurooka

**Description:** Plants native to Arizona work as a basis for the design of this entryway wall, with motifs echoed in the surrounding desert landscaping. Pieces of ceramic tile and glass are embedded into “chunky” clay that is then covered with Dryvit, a latex-based substance that forms a stucco-like shell. Furini often emphasizes repetition in her work while consciously utilizing open spaces. One can identify cubist elements in Furini’s work, to which she credits the influence of Picasso. *Artist-designed Entryway* earned the Warner Crossing team a Beautification Award for Art in Private Development Excellence in 1999.

**Artist biography:** Susan Furini graduated from Arizona State University in 1982 with a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Ceramics. Her undergraduate work was at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University with its emphasis on the study of ceramics and glass. She also studied at the renowned Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, Montana. She was on the Arizona Commission on the Arts Artist Roster and is responsible for several public artworks around the Valley. Her first commission was at the Main Library in Mesa. Sadly, Susan Furini passed away in February of 2007.

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